

# National Cemetery Administration

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- One of three Agencies in Department of Veterans Affairs
- 131 National Cemeteries throughout United States
  - Cemeteries
  - Memorial Program Service
- Five Memorial Service Networks
- Burial benefits
  - Burial in open VA National Cemeteries
  - Headstone/marker or Niche Cover
  - Medallions
  - Presidential Memorial Certificates

# Burial Benefit: Burial in a VA National Cemetery

- National Scheduling Office
- Committal Service of your choosing
- US Burial Flag
- Military Funeral Honor Detail
- Open and closing of gravesite
- Headstone/Marker/Niche Cover

# Eligibility

- Other than dishonorably discharged
- Federal Active Duty
- Retired Military
- Retired Reservist or National Guard (eligible for pay or receiving pay)
- Spouses, children under age 21 or 26 if attending approved school; adult dependent children
- Current conflict
- Capital Crimes

# Headstones



# Markers





# Niche Covers



# Medallions

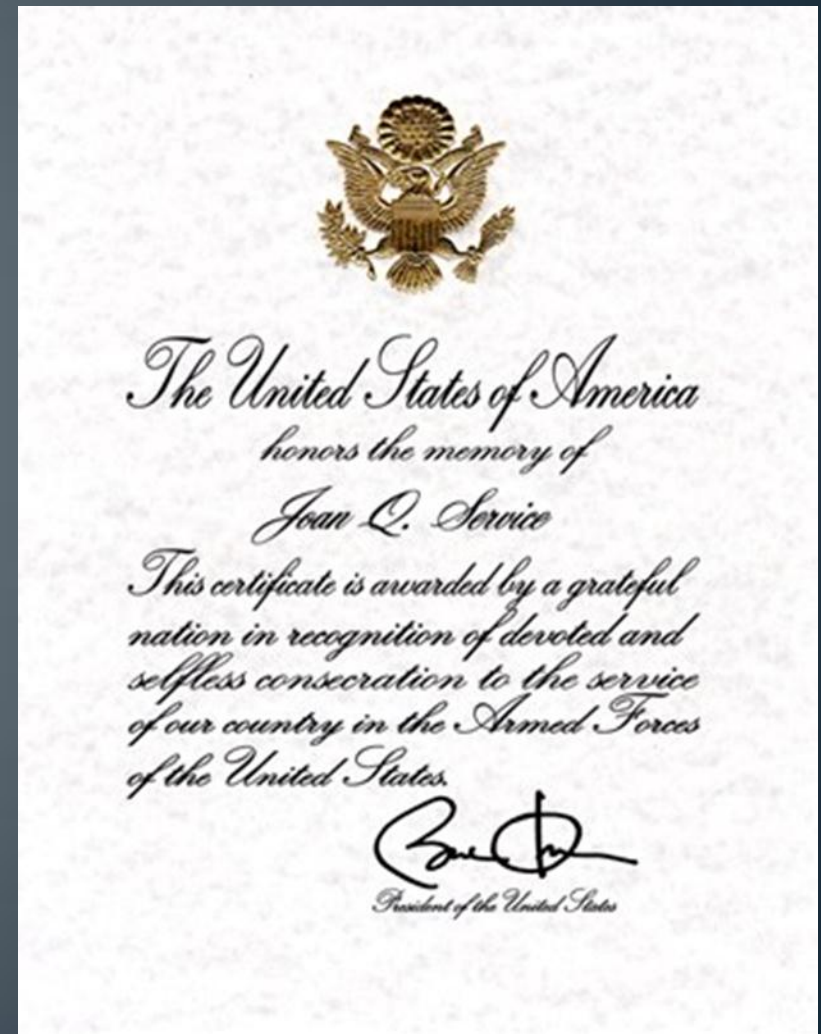
- Privately purchased headstones
- All Five Military Branches represented





# Presidential Memorial Certificates

- Honorably Discharged Veterans
- Issued after passing away
- Don't have to be interred in  
VA National Cemetery
- As many copies as requested



# Memorial Service Network III

- 19 VA National Cemeteries from South Dakota to Texas
  - Texas—5 Cemeteries\*
  - Oklahoma—2 Cemeteries
  - Nebraska—1 Cemetery
  - New Mexico—2 Cemeteries
  - South Dakota—3 Cemeteries
  - Colorado—2 Cemeteries\*
  - Kansas—4 Cemeteries
  - 3 Soldiers Lots in KS and MO
- 1,010 Turf acres and 1 water-wise cemetery
- 20,711 interments in FY2011
- \*Three Cemeteries rank in Top Ten burials in US\*

# Unique to our Area

- Water-Wise Cemetery (El Paso TX)
- First Tribal Veterans Cemetery in US (South Dakota)
- Two time zones
- Mountains, Desert, Plains

# Water-wise Landscaping



# Our Programs

- Organizational Assessment and Improvement (OAI)
- Cemetery Director Intern Program
- Cemetery Foremen, Caretaker and Representative Boot Camps
- Cemetery Grants Program
- VHA's Compensated Workers' Therapy
- Program to Eliminate Homelessness



# Points of Contact

- Sara J. Elton: (303) 914-5708
- Memorial Program Service: 1 (800) 697-6947
- NCA National Scheduling Office: 1 (800) 535-1117
- Presidential Memorial Certificates: (202) 565-4964
- VA benefits: 1-800-827-1000

# QUESTIONS?

